

HA-1349

1914

James-Kennedy House  
108 N. Bond Street  
Bel Air  
Private

This shotgun house was built quite late for that style. It is well-kept and has the little decorative touches of scroll brackets and stock turned posts that raise some of these houses above the bare essentials.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James - Kennedy House

AND/OR COMMON

Norris House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

108 S. Bond

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Louis A. Norris

Telephone #: 838-5750

STREET & NUMBER

108 S. Bond

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 306

Folio #: 272

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

NA-1347

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR            ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This small two story, two bay, aluminum sided house is at 108 N. Bond in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The ridge of its tin gable roof runs east and west. A plain center stove chimney breaks the roof line and another outside chimney is against the rear (west) elevation. The single story back porch that shows on the 1930 map has been enclosed and raised to two stories. A small shed roofed enclosed back porch is in the south bay of the west elevation. The front (east) porch has a shed roof carried on stock turned posts with scroll brackets. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash, irregular in the south elevation, regular three bays on the north. The entrance is in the south bay of the east elevation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1914

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small shotgun house, typical of workingmen's housing built in Bel Air between 1870 and World War I, was built in 1914 on land Jacob Kennedy bought from Mrs. Richardson's heirs - part of lot #42 in Richardson's Addition (145/183). Kennedy must have built it as a speculation. He had sold his smithy in 1913, but he lived at 134 S. Bond until he died in 1933. He sold it to George Willis James in 1918 for \$1150 (160/447). After Mrs. James' death, Mr. James sold the house to the present owner, Louis A. Norris, in 1947 (306/272).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property occupies parcel #527 in the Town of Bel Air,  
30' on Bond.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

6 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

39 Hickory Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form		SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1349	
		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
		UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing	
		U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
		PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Norris House	
COUNTY: Harford TOWN: Bel Air		ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: James-Kennedy House	
LOCATION: 108 N. Bond Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014		PRESENT USE: Rental	
		ORIGINAL USE: Private residence	
COMMON NAME: Norris House		ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
OWNER: Louis A. Norris ADDRESS: 108 N. Bond Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014		PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent( ) Good( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Fair( ) Poor( )	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes( ) No( ) Restricted( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )		THEME: Architecture	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) State( ) National( )		STYLE: Vernacular	
DATE BUILT: 1914			
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Brick( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( ) 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( ) Balloon( ) B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( ) Stone( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( ) C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( ) Board and Batten( ) Wood Shingle( ) Shiplap( ) Novelty( ) Stucco( ) Sheet Metal( ) Aluminum( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Asphalt Shingle( ) Brick Veneer( ) Stone Veneer( ) Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood( ) Iron( ) Steel( ) Concrete( ) B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate( ) Wood Shingle( ) Asphalt Shingle( ) Sheet Metal( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Built Up( ) Rolled( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Tile( ) Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Towers( ) Cupolas( ) Dormers( ) Chimneys( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Sheds( ) Ells( ) Pings( ) Other: Roof Style: Gable( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Hip( ) Shed( ) Flat( ) Mansard( ) Gambrel( ) Jerkinhead( ) Saw Tooth( ) With Monitor( ) With Bellcast( ) With Parapet( ) With False Front( ) Other: Number of Stories: <u>2</u> Number of Bays: <u>2</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>12' x 20'</u> Entrance Location: <u>N. Bond</u>			
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat( ) Zoning( ) Roads( ) Development( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Deterioration( ) Alteration( ) Other:		LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive( ) Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:	

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Windows 2/2 front porch shed roof on stock posts, scroll  
brackets  
enclosed back porch shed roof  
entrance S. bay E. elevation

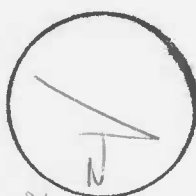
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

tenant housing 1914

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



Bel Air

N Bond

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SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
Residential(X) Commercial(X)  
Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

18 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 108 N. BOND

306/272      4 June 1947  
George Willis James, widower  
            to  
Louis A. Norris & Luvenia  
Part of #42, Richardson's Addition  
Ella James is dead

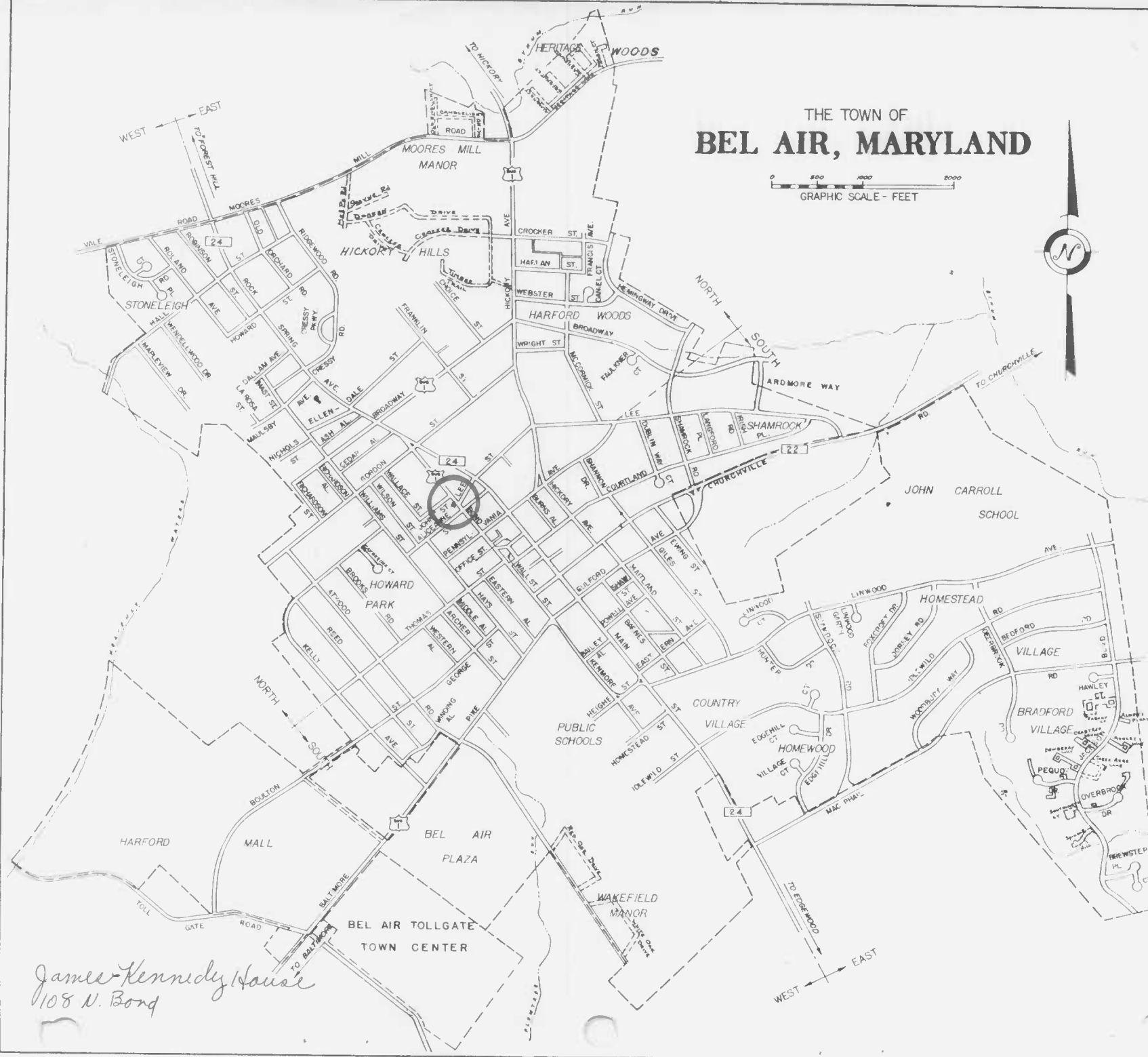
160/441      19 October 1918  
Jacob C. Kennedy & Savings Bank of  
Harford County  
            to  
George Willis James & Ella  
\$1150

145/183      19 May 1914  
Henrietta G. Rouse & C. Chapman Rouse,  
Trustees  
            to  
Jacob C. Kennedy et al



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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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James Kennedy House  
108 N. Bond







